

The Daily Courant.

Monday, July 5. 1703.

London, July 4. *The Advices from Italy that came by the two last Mails from Holland, are as follows.*

From the Leiden Gazette, dated July 5.

Rome, June 16.

Several Expresses arriv'd here this Week from the Cardinal Legate of Ferrara, with Advice, that the French Troops which were entred into that Province, grow daily more disorderly, have pillag'd several Villages, spoil'd the Corn in divers places, and taken away great Quantities of Corn the Stocks of private Persons: And that some Frigates commanded by Monsieur du Quesne had attempted, but without Success, to make a Descent to burn Mezola, where the Imperialists have their grand Magazine. Hereupon, the Pope sent for the Cardinal de Fourbin again, and declar'd to him, that if the Troops of the King his Master did not retire without delay out of that Province, he should be oblig'd to take such Measures as would not be very pleasing to him. He has likewise written about it to the King himself in very sharp Terms. And notwithstanding the Cardinal presented Letters to his Holiness from the Duke de Vendome, in which he excuses his entering into the Ferrareze, and promises to pay for all the Spoil committed by his Troops, yet the Pope has order'd 10 Companies of Infantry that are in Ramagnia and a Troop of Dragoons now in Parma, to march to Ferrara, in order to joyn his Forces already there, and have an Eye to the French. Count Lamberg, the Imperial Ambassador, has receiv'd Advice by an Express, that the King of Portugal is entred into the Grand Alliance against France and Spain; which has extreamly mortified the Partisans of those 2 Crowns at this Court.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated July 9.

Trent, June 19. The rest of the 3 Regiments of Heydukes pass'd through this City last Week on their Way to the Imperial Army. This Week came hither 208 Horses for the Regiment of Corbelli; 355 for the Regiment of Neubourg; as many for that of Lorrain; 214 for that of Vaudemont; 250 for the Regiment of Darmstad; and 220 for that of Viscconti. Tomorrow we expect the Recruits for the Regiment of Nigrelli, and others, to a considerable Number.

Venice, June 22. The Duke de Vendome's Enterprize against Ostiglia having miscarried, he is return'd with his Army to Zelo, Castagnaro, and other neighbouring Places; waiting till the Water that overflow'd his Camp is gone, and the Rivers, which are now very full, are fallen. General Staremberg has sent 12 Pieces of Cannon to Ponte Molino, under a Convoy of 100 Grenadiers; And on the 16th he caus'd a Placard to be affix'd in Final di Modena, enjoining the Inhabitants of that Place to discover all the Provisions and Effects that were left there by the French, when Monsieur d'Albergotti was defeated on the 11th instant, and fled with the remains of his Body of Troops, being pursued by Lieutenant Colonel d'Erbeville with some Horse, towards Buon Porto. The Garrison of Bersello has lately made some successful Sallies, and kill'd several Soldiers of

the advanc'd Guards of the Spaniards, who keep that Place closely block'd up. The French Frigats that lay at the Mouth of the Po, are sail'd over to the Coast of Istria.

Venice, June 23. On the 16th the Imperial Ambassador went to the College, to which he presented a Relation he had receiv'd from General Staremberg of the retreat of the Duke de Vendome from before Ostiglia, and of the Defeat of the Body of French, commanded by the Count d'Albergotti, near Mirandola. On the 19th that Ambassador notified to the College, the League Offensive and Defensive concluded between the King of Portugal and the Confederates in the War against France and Spain. The Marquess Davia, who came hither from Vienna, is gone with General Thaun to the Imperial Army. The Duke de Vendome having drawn off from before Ostiglia, order'd some Troops to march towards Legnago, to cut off General Vaubonne who was at Uffolingo with 4000 Germans; but he having Intelligence of their March, retir'd to Rivoli, where he has receiv'd some Artillery, and is reinforc'd daily with Troops that come from Germany. The French have pillag'd and spoil'd all the Country from Legnago up to Verona, have kill'd Peasants, Women and Children, plunder'd Churches, murder'd Priests, and committed unheard of Outrages. Which the Duke de Vendome coming to understand, has taken care to punish severely and exemplarily those that have been found guilty of these Sacrileges; First their Hands were cut off, then they were hang'd, and afterwards burnt. Provisions are very Scarce and Dear in the French Camp. 1500 Horse and 800 Croats are coming from Friuli to the Imperial Army. 'Tis said the Germans found in Final 2000 Sacks of Oats and Wheat; and that the Troops commanded by General Albergotti, is almost ruin'd by Desertion, his Men running away in Companies of 60 at a time under the Walls of Bologna. The Imperialists carried 500 Prisoners into Mirandola; among them 52 Officers; The Son of Collonel Boselli is wounded mortally, as are also the Nephew of Monsieur d'Albergotti, 2 Collonels, and 4 Lieutenant Collonels.

Revere, June 19. In the Action that pass'd near Mirandola, the French both Horse and Foot made at first a vigorous Discharge, but the young Prince de Vaudemont charg'd them with his Cavalry Sword in Hand, with that Fury, that he immediately broke the French Horse; the Regiment Dauphin making the most resistance, was entirely cut off, within a very small number. The rest of their Horse and Foot was put to the Rout; our Commanders would not suffer our Troops to divide themselves to pursue them, but detach'd some Parties of Horse after those that took to the Enclosures, and endeavour'd to hide themselves in the Corn and in the Ditches. Some of our Parties advanc'd to Final di Modena, in which some French were posted, who abandon'd that Post, and we have taken it again into our Possession. 'Tis believ'd General Albergotti is retir'd to Modena. In this Action the French lost 1200 kill'd on the Spot, besides the Prisoners taken by our Infantry, for our Horse would not trouble themselves with Prisoners since the Court of France has suspended the Cartel.

From

From the Frontiers of Switzerland, June 26. We have receiv'd from Italy and France the following Advices.

From the Camp at San Benedetto, June 15. The Troops commanded by the Duke de Vendome had like to have perish'd by the Water before Ostiglia, and would have hardly been able to save themselves had the Enemy tarried till they were all encamp'd. The Imperialists drew up but half their Sluyces for fear of drowning their own Forces lying about Ostiglia. The Brigade of Piemont suffer'd very much, and a great deal of Baggage and some Artillery was left behind. The Count d'Estain, who was left with 12 Squadrons at Sanguinetto, gave notice on the 9th to the Duke de Vendome, that General Vaubonne had pass'd the Adige and was advanc'd to Villa Franca with 2000 Men, Horse and Foot, going to meet 3000 Heydukes and 600 Horse; whereupon the Duke de Vendome sent him the Regiments of Estrade and Monroi, with order to march immediately and attack that General, taking with him 7 Squadrons more commanded by the Count d'Estrade. The Count d'Estain had hardly begun his March, when 200 Hussars attack'd one of his Guards of 20 Horse and put them into disorder; but the Piquet coming up, repuls'd the Hussars, killing 30 and taking 8 Prisoners. We lost a Cornet and 7 Troopers. Since which General Vaubonne is gone to joyn Count Staremberg; the Count d'Estain not having been able to come up with him. The Grand Prior, Brother of the Duke de Vendome arriv'd here 2 days ago: By whom we learn that Monsieur d'Albergotti advanc'd towards Mirandola, to make a Diversion while the Duke de Vendome attack'd Ostiglia: The old Prince de Vaudemont, not being able to pass the Secchia by reason of the Swelling of the River, sent Monsieur de Murce with a Detachment of 800 Horse and as many Foot to joyn Monsieur d'Albergotti, which he did. But our drawing off from Ostiglia having also oblig'd Monsieur d'Albergotti to retire, he order'd Monsieur de Murce to return with his Detachment to the Prince de Vaudemont. Of this the Enemy being advertis'd, attack'd Monsieur d'Albergotti with 5000 Men and some Cannon; and when the first Line was passing into the Intervals of the second, in order to draw off, the Enemy fell upon his Left and broke it; but the Right charging the Enemy at the same time, tho' without being able to break them or make them give ground, and then retiring, the Enemy was hindred from getting so much Advantage as they would otherwise have done by the disorder into which they put our Left. Monsieur de Murce was likewise attack'd in his March, but he defended himself till he reach'd Bastia, from whence he came hither unmolested, having lost about 60 Horse, 50 Grenadiers, 3 Foot Soldiers, and 15 or 17 Officers. Monsieur d'Albergotti who withdrew towards Final, lost 150 Men; Monsieur de Murce was slightly wounded in the Foot, and 'tis reported Monsieur d'Espinschal was kill'd. 'Tis said we have abandon'd Final di Modena.

Alets, June 11. Yesterday the Governour of St. Hippolite brought hither Prisoner the Sieur de Sargas, a famous Camisard; and, tho' it was Sunday, Men were set to work to wall up the Windows of the Prison in which he is confin'd, leaving only a little vacancy for the Air to pass through.

Nismes, June 19. On the 15th at Night the Camisards burnt 2 Churches of this Diocess near Sommieres; tho' 'tis rather suspected it was done by the Peasants of the same Villages. On the 17th one of the chief of the Malecontents was taken, being discover'd by a Person who formerly serv'd the Count de Broglie. The same day, a Detachment of the Regiment of Bourbon brought hither 12 Camisards, and as many were brought hither yesterday. 25 of those wretched People have been since sent to the Gallies. The Marshal de Montrevel arriv'd here

yesterday from St. Esprit. Advice was sent him from Court that there was a Design to surprize that City, and 'tis found there was such a Design, but the Marshal has given orders for the Security of that Place. Last Night he receiv'd a Letter from Alets, acquainting him with the taking of 9 Camisards, among which were 2 Gentlemen of the Sevens, one of which had some time ago eat at the Marshal's Table. To day the Chevalier de St. Remi, condemn'd to be broken alive on the Wheel, was executed; he suffer'd very courageously, as he underwent the Torture when he was tried with great Constancy, protesting all along that he was Innocent. He confess'd himself to a Priest, and made a Christian end.

London, July 5. Sir Philip Meadows Junior is appointed to be Her Majesty's Envoy at the Hague, in the room of Mr. Stanhope, who is made a Commissioner of the Customs.

THE Creditors of Mr. John Decve late of Helborn, Stationer, are desir'd to meet tomorrow being Tuesday the Sixth of this instant July at the Black Boy Coffee-House in Ave-Mary-Lane, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon precisely.

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